

COULDN'T FOOL HOBO

KNIGHT OF THE ROAD WAS WISE
OLD BIRD.

Billy Sunday Tells Good Story of How
Farmer Stopped Visits of
Tramps—Were Suspicious
of Effusive Welcome.

Billy Sunday, the evangelist, said at a fashionable reception in his honor in Philadelphia:

"A good many people are mistrustful of religion. I don't know why it is, but there's a lot of people as mistrustful of religion and the religious as the tramp was mistrustful of the farmer.

"I don't know what to do about this tramp evil," a farmer once said to me. "I've put up signs about beware of the man trap and look out for the spring gun, but it don't seem to do any good at all, Mr. Sunday. The tramps molest me something terrible."

"Well, Brother Brown," said I, "you just put up a big sign reading, 'All tramps welcomed at Brown's,' and then later on, let me know the result."

"Brown thought I was joking at first, but when he saw I was in earnest he went straight off home and put up a big sign over his gate—'All tramps welcome here, John Brown'—that you could read half a mile away.

"I met him again the following week. He said the sign had worked like a miracle. Ever since he put it up he had only set eyes on one tramp and that had been by accident. He came on the tramp accidentally as the fellow stood under the sign, looking up at it and reading it over and over with a kind of quizzical, sarcastic smile playing about his mouth.

"Hello!" says Farmer Brown, grinning over the fence at the tramp very friendly.

"The tramp sneered. Then he burst into a bitter laugh and said:

"Hello, mister. How many cops have you got hidden in there?"

"Why, none—none at all," says Farmer Brown, in a hurt, surprised voice.

"The tramp gave another bitter laugh. 'How many bulldogs have you got then, mister?'"

"There ain't a dog about the place," says the farmer. He opened the gate a bit, says, but the tramp jumped back, so scared like, the farmer closed it again out of pity. 'You can come in and see for yourself if you don't believe me about the dogs,' he says.

"Oh, yes, I know," said the tramp. He was pale and shaking all over from the start he got when the gate opened. 'I know all about that,' he said; 'but tell me how many bear traps you've got set in there that would bite a poor fellow's leg off.'

"Nary a bear trap," said the farmer. "Nary a bear trap."

"Has a man got to do a hard day's work to get a measly meal of scraps?" burst out the tramp.

"Nothing of the kind," said the farmer. "You come right in, young fellow, and I'll give you a three-course hot supper for nothing, and if you want to stay all night we'll fix you up a warm bed on the floor by the kitchen fire."

"The tramp stared hard at the farmer a minute and then he smiled a kind of pitying, patronizing smile and said:

"You can't work that little game on me. This is my eleventh year on the road."

"What game? said Farmer Brown. 'What game are you talkin' about?'"

"Puttin' rough on rats in the coffee and sellin' our remains to the medical college for a dollar apiece," said the tramp, winking at the farmer. "Oh, no, Brownie, old boy! Oh, my, no! Not on your life! Ha, ha, ha! Aber! This is my eleventh year on the road, I'm tellin' you."

"And the tramp took a cigar butt from the pocket of his ragged coat. It lit with a sulphur match, and strutted jauntily away, his head nearly hidden in big smoke clouds."

The Northeast Passage.

Commander Vilkitshii, the discoverer of Nicholas II. Land, set out last summer from Vladivostok on his third attempt to make the northeast passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic. According to news recently received, he was wintered in Taimyr bay, to the west of Cape Chelyuskin. Here he has been in wireless communication with Captain Syverdrup, who sailed from European Russia last summer in search of the missing Brossilov and Russanov expeditions, and has also wintered on the coast of the Taimyr peninsula. A note in Nature states that Vilkitshii proposed to send part of his crew to Syverdrup's ship, in order to economize his supplies, with a view to the possibility of not getting through the ice next summer.—Scientific American.

Saving Lives.

The fight to save human lives in America has been eminently successful during the last few years and the loss from preventable diseases has been materially reduced. Perhaps the greatest improvement has been in typhoid fever, where sanitation and medical treatment have worked together to good effect. In the field of tuberculosis a great deal has been accomplished, although not as much as was originally hoped for. In this disease it is largely a case of money—to get enough to give the victims of "the white plague" the treatment they need.

LEXINGTON COUNTY
AGAINST FEE SYSTEM

Suggestion for Officers' Salaries and
Would Abolish Fees. Judge Critt-
ices Idea of Paying Judge of Pro-
bate \$600.

Lexington, Sept. 21.—Declaring that upon an "examination of the books of the county officers it was found that those officers who are paid fees as compensation for work done are paid more in proportion to work done than other officers" and recommending that the "delegation to the legislature secure an amendment to the law as it now stands, so that the judge of probate, the sheriff and the clerk of court be paid a salary as all other officers," the Lexington county grand jury made its final presentment of Judge Thomas S. Sease yesterday afternoon after having been in session for three days.

The grand jury suggested that these officers be placed on a standing salary, as follows: Judge of probate, \$600 per year; sheriff \$2,500 per year, and the clerk of court \$2,500 per year.

In commenting on the report of the grand jury's recommendation in this regard, Judge Sease flayed the idea of paying a judge of probate the meagre sum of \$600, saying that any officer who had to give bond in the sum of \$10,000 as a protection to widows and orphans whose funds are placed in the hands of the judge of probate should at least be paid salary sufficient to live upon; that any honest man worthy of the confidence and esteem of the citizens of the county should be appreciated—he should receive more than an ordinary hireling.

While it was not so stated in the presentment of the grand jury, it is understood that some of the members had in mind the idea of recording all instruments free—free to the man who purchases land as well as to the man who takes a mortgage on real estate and chatties, requiring the officers mentioned to make no charge nor to collect any fees for the work going through their hands. Such a system would, of course, prove a big blessing and a boon to the business man, as well as to the general public, yet, under such a system the ordinary every day taxpayer would be required to "foot the bill." Under the law at this time the sheriff of Lexington receives a yearly salary of \$1,100, this in addition to regular fees allowed by statute in civil actions; the judge of probate receives a salary of \$200 and is permitted to charge for his services in settling up of estates, issuing marriage licenses and also for lunacy proceedings; the clerk of court only receives a salary from the county of \$250, this amount being paid for operating the criminal courts. The other sources of income he derives from recording legal documents—deeds, mortgages, agreements and other instruments coming under the case of his office. It is believed nevertheless, that the salary suggested by the grand jury—\$2,500—is in excess of all that the clerk receives under the present system, especially during the last few years.

Some members of the grand jury it was learned favored also providing for and stipulating the amount the deputy should receive. As it is now, the clerk fixes the salary of his deputy, paying him in proportion as to what he deems his services worth, and an amount warranted by the income of the office.

The office of sheriff with a salary of \$1,100 together with the present fees allowed by statute, is considered the "best paying office in the county" by many, but it must be taken into consideration that the sheriff has a great deal of expense attached to his office and he must prepare himself to go "where duty calls."

The treasurer, auditor, superintendent of education, supervisor, the county commissioners and coroner all are paid standing yearly salaries with the exception of the auditor, who received an additional fee of 25 cents for every transfer of title recorded in his office. The amount received from this source—just like it is in the office of the clerk—depends entirely upon the number of transfers of real estate during a year.

Meeting of U. D. C.

The J. B. Kershaw chapter U. D. C., will meet next Monday afternoon at four o'clock with Mrs. W. E. Lucas. This being the first fall meeting, a full attendance is urged, as different phases of the work will be discussed.

Mrs. Robt. Eichelberger,
Secretary.

Notice Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, 1121 Taylor St., Tuesday, October 19, 1915, at 12 o'clock M.

C. P. SEABROOK,
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Cotton Warehouse Law to be Perfected
and Also Strengthened.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 25.—Governor Manning and Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin held a lengthy conference in the governor's office a few days ago, discussing the advantages of the state warehouse system and the legislation necessary to perfect the law governing it. No statement was given out after the conference, but it was learned that both Governor Manning and Commissioner McLaurin are agreed that certain defects in the law should be remedied and that there was a practically complete agreement between the governor and the warehouse commissioner as to what is best to be done in perfecting this law that means so

much to the cotton producing interests of South Carolina. It is likely that Governor Manning and Commissioner McLaurin will hold frequent conferences on this matter before the legislature meets in January and the results of these conferences will probably be embraced in a message from the governor to the legislature during the early part of the next session.

The following editorial from the Yorkville Enquirer of September 21, refers to this subject:

"As a result of a conference between Governor Manning and Warehouse Commissioner John L. McLaurin it develops that Governor Manning is not secretly hostile to the State warehouse system, as was legitimately deduced from published remarks recently attributed to him. It is quite clear that if there should be a regulation

providing that managers of State warehouses should be absolutely disinterested parties, neither owners of the warehouses nor of the cotton stored therein, there could easily develop a situation very different from that under which all present progress has been made. But from the reports of the conference referred to it appears that the governor is most sincerely solicitous of developing the warehouse system along lines that will work to the interest of the producer of the cotton first, and the public generally, second. The conference referred to, we understand, developed that there was practically complete agreement between Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Manning as to what shall be done and the outlook is that such recommendations as the governor shall proper to make to the general assembly with re-

gard to improving and strengthening the warehouse system, will be made only after complete agreement between the governor and the warehouse commissioner."

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